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Mr. Michael Barnes, Senior Manager
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Dear Mr. Barnes,

Investing in renewal and expansion of health authority-owned long-term care (LTC) facilities has been identified as a priority for the Ministry of Health's (MoH) 10-year capital plan. To advance that plan, MoH has requested that Health Authorities identify priority communities and develop business plans for replacement and expansion of LTC facilities in those communities. Island Health has hired consultants, completed functional programs and is working on indicative designs and class C cost estimates for a number of LTC projects in priority communities, including at the West Shore of Victoria. Island Health is interested in exploring a partnership opportunity with the Capital Regional Hospital District on that particular project.

The proposed partnership would see the RHD procure and own the land, with a nominal bare land lease to Island Health. Island Health would then finance and construct the facility, with additional RHD grant funding to offset a portion of the costs, and subsequently own and operate the facility.

In order to advance these projects to procurement, Island Health must first complete business plans, including reference to any potential partnerships or RHD funding sources, and submit them to the MoH for subsequent Treasury Board review and approval. Island Health is planning to submit business plans in Spring of 2021, and while the timeline and outcome of the Treasury Board approval process is uncertain, Island Health is committed to the submission of the West Shore project business plan and is prepared to advocate for the proposed partnership model with the CRHD therein.

Thank you for your continued support of investment in our local health care services.

Regards,



Scott McCarten,
Executive Director
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